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From: Easterling, Deborah
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 9:40 AM
To: paula loftis
Cc: Duke, Daphne
Subject: RE: Opposition to SCE&G rate increase

Dear Mr. & Mrs. Loftis:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email to our PSC Website Comments.

I am forwarding your email to our Clerk's Office for handling. Your email will become a part of Docket No. 2009-489-E and will be posted on our website under this Docket.

Please let me know if you should require any additional information.

Sincerely,
Deborah Easterling

From: paula loftis [mailto:pjloftis@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2010 8:48 AM
To: Contact
Subject: Opposition to SCE&G rate increase

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To: Public Service Commission of South Carolina

This correspondence is to express our opposition to any increase by South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. (SCE&G). It is our understanding that SCE&G has proposed a 9.5% rate increase. The increase request definitely identifies that SCE&G is out of touch with the citizens and industry. The company has demonstrated repeatedly that they are arrogant, environmentally insensitive and bloated. They should consider significant decreases in their administrative and executive salaries as well as tightening their belts throughout their corporation. In addition, their customer service and awareness of the economy is appalling. SCE&G has received 28% rate hikes from May 2004 to November 2008. That alone is staggering. There is no other industry that has become so greedy and received such rate increases.

Absolutely no rate increase should be granted to this ineffective and slovenly company. Those of us living in Beaufort have no competition from which to select and are stuck with SCE&G. That alone is appalling and permits the utility to gouge their customers and yet provide consistently poor service.

Our local newspapers have been filled with letters to the editor of protest and disapproval of SCE&G. The public opinion is very clear and opposed to any rate increase. Please do not approve any rate increase for SCE&G.

Thank you.

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